

SENATE BILL 2954
By Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 4; Title 63, Chapter 10 and Title 63, Chapter 12, Part 1, relative to controlled substances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 53-11-416.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 4; Title 63, Chapter 10; Title 63, Chapter 12, Part 1, or any other law to the contrary, a veterinarian licensed in this state may lawfully dispense an appropriate Schedule III controlled substance to the chief officer of the animal control division of any county or municipal law enforcement agency, to be used by the animal control division solely for the purpose of tranquilizing animals as necessary to prevent immediate peril to human life or property. In accordance with the rules of the state board of veterinary medical examiners, the dispensing veterinarian must maintain detailed records pertaining to any such substance dispensed for such purpose.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 4; Title 63, Chapter 10; Title 63, Chapter 12, Part 1, or any other law to the contrary, a duly trained county or municipal law enforcement officer assigned to the animal control division of any county or municipal law enforcement agency may possess an appropriate Schedule III controlled substance, dispensed pursuant to subsection (a), and may lawfully possess and utilize such substance solely for the purpose of tranquilizing animals as necessary to prevent

immediate peril to human life or property. In accordance with the rules of the state board of pharmacy, the law enforcement agency must maintain detailed records pertaining to any such substance possessed or utilized for such purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.